

Ngayungu language

Ngayungu (also known as **Ngî-koong-ō** ^[3]) is a sleeping^[4], probably extinct Australian Aboriginal language for which a wordlist was recorded from Atherton in the Wet Tropics of Queensland by Walter Edmund Roth in October 1898^[3], later also recorded by Norman Barnett Tindale in 1938, but no longer spoken by any living speakers^[2]

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Ngayungu	
aka Ngî-koong-ō	
Native to	Australia
Region	Queensland
Extinct	last attested 1938 ^[1]
Language family	<div>Pama–Nyungan ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (unclassified, probably Maric)^[2]<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ngayungu</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<i>None</i> (mis)
Glottolog	<i>None</i>
AIATSIS ^[1]	Y216 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austrlang/language/Y216)

Phonology

Vowels

Ngî-koong-ō has the following vowels^[3]

ă	ā	â	ě	ē	ĭ	ī	î	ǫ	ō	oo
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each pronounced as in English were the English vowels **a**, **e**, **i**, **o** to be marked ^[3] for length.

Consonants

Ngî-koong-ō has twelve consonants as follows:^[3]

b	ch	g	j	k	m	n	ny	ng	r	t	y
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each pronounced as they would be in English

See also

- Ngayungu people

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